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CAMERON BOLITHO BROWNE, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2772  
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Application No.: 09/379,722 )  
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Filed: August 24, 1999 )  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
ORIENTATING A CHARACTER )  
STROKE : January 14, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to U.S. Patent No. 5,771,035, a copy of which is enclosed and listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

The foregoing document was discussed in the specification at page 1 and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there.

Applicants also direct the Examiner's attention to the following U.S. patent applications which have been commonly assigned with this application:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/379,730,  
filed August 24, 1999 (GAU 2772); and  
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/379,729,  
filed August 24, 1999 (GAU 2772).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii),  
copies of these co-pending applications have not been

enclosed, nor have they been listed on Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is respectfully directed to Patent and Trademark Office files for review of these applications.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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